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THE IRANIANS HAVE REQUESTED P AND A DATA ON HAMLET AND STINGER MANPAD SYSTEMS. THESE SYSTEMS, AS YOU WELL KNOW, ARE VIEWED AS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE IN VIEW OF POTENTIAL TERRORIST ACQUISITION. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE IN PREPARATION FOR SENDING RECOMMENDATIONS FORWARD, CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED ABOUT THE SECURITY OF IRANIAN CONTROLS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THE FOLLOWING: A. IN VIEW OF THE PREVIOUS DECISION TO TURN DOWN REDEYE, IS THE GOI REALLY INTENT ON BUYING A MANPAD SYSTEM AT THIS TIME? B. WHAT WOULD GOI REACTION LIKELY BE TO OFFER OF REDEYE INSTEAD OF HAMLET OR STINGER? C. WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT OF IRAN'S CURRENT CONTROL SYSTEM--NOT ONLY PHYSICAL SECURITY BUT ACCOUNTABILITY--FOR SENSITIVE WEAPONS SYSTEMS? D. WHAT WOULD GOI REACTION BE TO US OFFER TO ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING A STRINGENT SYSTEM OF CONTROLS FOR MANPAD SYSTEM? AND
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E. WHAT WOULD GOI REACTION BE TO THE IMPOSITION OF SUCH A

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